

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A seabed installation apparatus comprising

[[a]] soil penetration means;

a deployment line ~~from which~~ ;

means for releasably securing the soil penetration means
[[is]] to the deployment line, whereby the soil penetration means
is suspended from the deployment line but can be detached
therefrom;

a mooring line;

means for permanently attaching the mooring line attached
to the soil penetration means; and

means for releasably securing the mooring line being
releasably secured to the deployment line.

2. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the mooring line is shorter than the deployment line.

3. (currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the deployment line supplies power to the soil penetration means.

4. (canceled)

5. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the mooring line is releasably secured to the deployment line substantially along the length of the mooring line.

6. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the deployment line supplies electric power to the soil penetration means.

7. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the deployment line supplies hydraulic power to the soil penetration means.

8. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the soil penetration means includes an auger.

9. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the apparatus includes fins capable of resisting torque generated by the action of the soil penetration means.

10. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein there is included measurement and control means capable of assessing the penetration characteristics of the soil penetration means and altering the action of the soil penetration means in response to the penetration characteristics.

11. (original) An apparatus according to claim 10 wherein the current supplied to the soil penetration means is measured.

12. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the soil penetration means includes securement elements having a changeable profile, when considered in the direction of the mooring line.